# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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SUICIDES BY FARMERS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any report of farmers committing suicide has been reported particularly in Vidharbha area and some other parts of the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any study to determine how this has happened even after starting the implementation of the Vidharbha model package for preventing such suicides;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(e) whether the incident of bouncing of cheques given to indebted farmers under the special package has been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & ( b): A statement indicating the number of farmers suicide based on the latest two years information as made available by the State Governments is annexed.

(c) & (d) As reported by the State Governments, the causes for suicide by farmers are broadly crop failure, indebtedness, drought, social and economic insecurity. The Government of India has approved a Rehabilitation Package amounting to Rs.16978.69 crore, for 31 districts spread over the states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. The Package consisting of short term and long term measures is being implemented over a period of three years. It aims at establishing a sustainable and viable farming and livelihood support system through debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, crop centric approach to agriculture, assured irrigation facilities, watershed management, better extension and farming support services, improved marketing facilities and subsidiary income opportunities. Progress of implementation of rehabilitation package is being monitored and reviewed on a regular basis at District, State and Central level.

(e) & (f): No such incident has come to the notice of Government of India.